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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have the information, Sir.

Allowance to Graduate teachers

* 92 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any allowance is paid to the Graduate teachers in private secondary schools in Kanyakumari district when deputed for training; and

(*b*) whether Graduate teachers in Government High Schools in that district are paid allowances during training ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) (i) Yes, in the case of all teachers belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes and such of the other teachers as were recruited by private managements on or before 6th June 1953 ;

(ii) No allowance is paid in the case of untrained graduate teachers (other than those belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes) recruited after 6th June 1953.

(*b*) Yes, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is it a fact that irrespective of the caste or community, the teachers in the private secondary schools were enjoying this stipend during their training before a certain date ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have the information.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : If, at present, the Government trainees are subject to certain regulations for eligibility to this benefit, will they kindly extend them to trainees from non-Government institutions also—I mean the private secondary schools ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is only for the Kanyakumari district. If it is to be extended throughout the State, it will mean a good deal of cost.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware that this is peculiar to the Kanyakumari district inasmuch as untrained graduates are appointed there, and so, will they kindly consider this question ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is why the scope of assistance also is limited; because it is peculiar.

'Hit and run' traffic accidents

* 93 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of 'hit and run' traffic accidents reported in Madras and Chingleput districts during the months of April, May, June and July 1960;

(*b*) the number of cases which proved fatal; and

(*c*) the number of cases detected and the number of cases not detected and the reasons therefor ?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) 212 in Madras and 35 in Chingleput district.

(*b*) One in Madras and 10 in Chingleput district.

(*c*) In Madras 45 cases were detected and 157 cases were not detected. The reasons for non-detection of cases are that in most of the 'hit and run' cases the registration mark and the registered number of the vehicle were not furnished to facilitate investigation. Unknown cycles and hand carts were also responsible for some accidents. In Chingleput district 7 cases were detected and 28 cases were not detected. As none had seen the registration marks on the vehicles and as no evidence was forthcoming to speak to the occurrence in some of the cases, the culprits could not be located.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that very recently an accident occurred on the border of the Madras-Chingleput district where four ladies, who were taking rest on the road side, were killed, and still this case was not detected ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice, Sir.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Has it come to the notice of the Hon. the Minister for Home that a young doctor, while driving his car near Erode, was knocked by a lorry and his right arm had to be amputated ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, the young doctor has narrated to me this accident. I could see how he was affected. This is a case where he had his elbow stretched out while driving the car, and the lorry must have gone near the car so as to hit at the elbow. But the lorry could not be traced.

3-10 p.m. DR. A. SREENIVASAN : May I know why the Police are unable to trace them ? Serious accidents are taking place on the roads.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member must appreciate the difficulties of the Police. However efficient they are, they cannot trace because the car is driven and the lorry is going, and they just hit and go away and no idea or the description of the lorry, like the number of the lorry and other things, is given. In this case, because these details were not given, the Police were unable to trace.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : I can understand that it is not possible in all cases. But in a major case like this where four deaths have occurred, the Police must have taken special steps to trace the lorry. May I ask whether in cases of this kind special measures are adopted to trace the persons responsible for the accidents ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : About this matter, I said, I would like to have notice because I had no information. The hon. Member may put a separate question or give me particulars and I shall go into the matter.

SRI S. NATARAJAN : Are any measures taken to prevent such accidents ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Of course, all possible measures are taken to prevent accidents. But in spite of these, accidents do occur. If hon. Members would offer any particular suggestions, the Government will have them examined.

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Dr. A. SREENIVASAN: Why not impose a speed-limit on the lorries? I would like to know whether there is any such thing, and, if so, whether it is being tested by the Police authorities.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Speed-limit is imposed and is tested. But in spite of it, the drivers do not observe the rules. It is very difficult to control these lorries.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Has any scientific device been invented to enable Police athorities to find out the vehicles that are involved in terrible accidents?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. Scientific devices are tried one after another but still we have not come across any effective scientific device.

Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. Minister consider the desirability of having detecting "governors" on the lorries just as they have on the T.V.S. buses so that the drivers may not go beyond 60 miles an hour?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That has been examined and found to be not practicable.

Sri K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR : Can they not have some special training for lorry-drivers before issuing licences?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not think lorry drivers are wanting in training. It is a question of keeping them under control.

Sri B. K. NALLASWAMY : முன்பு பஸ்கள் சம்பந்தமாகச் செய்தது போல, குறிப்பிட்ட தூரத்தில் சில போலீஸ் ஸ்டேஷன்களில் அவர்கள் கையெழுத்துப் போட வேண்டுமென்று விதித்தால் இந்த மாதிரி குற்றங்கள் செய்துவிட்டு தப்பித்துக்கொள்ள முடியாத நிலைமை ஏற்படும் என்று தோன்றுவதால், அப்படிச் செய்ய சர்க்கார் பிரயத்தனம் செய்யுமா?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : இது சம்பந்தமாக இப்போது என்ன ஏற்பாடு இருக்கிறது என்று என்னிடம் இப்போது தகவல் இல்லை. இதற்கு தனிக் கேள்வி போட்டால் பதில் சொல்ல முடியும்.

Hand-made paper units

* 94 *Q.*—Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of hand-made paper units proposed to be started in the State during 1960-61; and

(*b*) the amount allotted for the development of this industry during that period?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Six hand-made paper units are proposed to be started during 1960-61 in the following places :—

(1) Poondi in Chingleput district.

(2) Pidagam village in South Arcot district.

(3) Thottiam Block in Tiruchirappalli district.